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February Vacation Week Programs at Cape Cod National Seashore

Park visitors and neighbors who are making plans for February vacation week (February 20 through 27) are invited to participate in programs being offered at Cape Cod National Seashore, Acting Superintendent Michael Murray announced today. Program offerings include guided walks outdoors (weather permitting) and indoor talks with park rangers, as well as *show and tell* displays at the temporary visitor center at Salt Pond. "Spouts and Snouts," which focuses on whales and seals, and winter reflections of the Penniman Family are but two of the many programs scheduled. A complete list follows.

The National Park Service and its education partner, Eastern National, continue to provide visitor services from a temporary visitor center in the Salt Pond parking area while renovation of the main visitor center continues. Park and area information, trip planning assistance, video presentations and sales of education items, such as books, games, Colonial Williamsburg reproduction pottery and glassware are available daily from 9 AM to 4:30 PM. National Park passes will be available for sale daily during February vacation week. Portable toilets are located in the parking area. The visitor center may close temporarily during or immediately following severe storms. Call the visitor center for details: 508-255-3421.

The Province Lands Visitor Center in Provincetown is closed for the season; however, restrooms in the parking area and the outdoor observation deck are open year 'round.

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FEBRUARY VACATION WEEK PROGRAMS

Bring the family out during the February vacation week and participate in a variety of program offerings, from guided walks to indoor impromptu activities. Take advantage of these free, scheduled programs or call the interim Salt Pond Visitor Center for more details. Outdoor programs are subject to cancellation due to inclement weather. (508) 255-3421.

FAMILY PROGRAM: SPOUTS AND SNOUTS - 30 minutes. Join this interactive program to find out what whales and seals do during the cold winter months. Meet at the temporary Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham. Saturday, February 19th and Saturday, February 26th at 2PM.

WALK: MIGRATE, HIBERNATE, TOLERATE - up to 1 ½ hours, 1 mile. Discover how animals and plants survive harsh Cape Cod winters. Meet at the lower parking area at Fort Hill, Eastham. Sunday, February 20th and Sunday February 27th at 2 PM.

WALK: TRACKING WORKSHOP: ANIMAL TRACKS AND SIGN - up to 1½ hours, 1 mile. Learn to identify tracks and sign as a way to understand wildlife interactions in the natural world. We will use some basic tools and skills to identify the variety of life on the inside of a barrier beach. Meet at Coast Guard Beach, Eastham. Monday, February 21st at 10AM.

WALK: THE FOUNDATION OF CAPE COD - 1 to 1½ hours, 1 to 1½ miles. Walk around Fort Hill to explore topics ranging from pilgrims to parks, and from geologic processes to the physical features resulting from them. Meet at the lower parking area at Fort Hill, Eastham. If the weather is inclement, the program will be held indoors at the Penniman House, Fort Hill. Tuesday, February 22nd at 10AM.

PENNIMAN FAMILY ALBUM: Winter Reflections - 45 minutes. Designed for adults and children, this program focuses on the Penniman family and features their writings about winter and the holidays. See how their lives were both different from and similar to family life today. Meet at the Penniman House at Fort Hill, Eastham. Thursday, February 24th at 1:30 PM. BY RESERVATION ONLY. Call 508 - 255 - 3421.

TALK: 19th CENTURY GUARDIANS OF THE SHORELINE - 1½ hours. Learn about the lighthouse keepers and life-savers who helped to protect the Cape Cod shoreline. Meet at the Nauset Light Beach parking area. Friday, February 25th at 1PM.

HOUSE TOUR: CAPTAIN EDWARD PENNIMAN - 1 hour. Explore the interior of this historic home at Fort Hill, Eastham. Learn about this whaling captain and his well traveled family. Saturday, February 26th at 11AM. BY RESERVATION ONLY. Call 508 - 255 - 3421.